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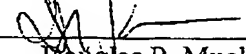
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Applicants have received the restriction requirement dated September 29, 2004. The restriction requirement refers to claims 1-72. However, the restriction requirement does not take into account the Preliminary Amendment filed with this application on May 17, 2004. A copy is filed herewith for the Examiner's convenience. Claims 53-58, which form Group II of the restriction requirement, were among the claims canceled in the Preliminary Amendment, and thus the restriction requirement is rendered moot. Applicants courteously request an action on the merits of the claims as amended in the Preliminary Amendment. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

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